

Aerona Names Chief Aerospace Scientist

Dr. Robert A. Bass, nationally known mathematician, has been named chief scientist for Aerona Manufacturing Corporation's Aerospace division. According to John A. Lawler, Aerona's president, Dr. Bass will direct research in celestial mechanics and space-vehicle trajectory theory.

Elsa Nelson One-Man Show Scheduled at Artist Co-op

Oil paintings by Elsa Nelson, Portuguese Bend artist, will be featured in a one-man show at the Artist Sales Gallery Cooperative, 121 S. Pacific, Redondo, from Feb. 28 through March 12. She just concluded a two-man show at the Pacific Coast Club in Long Beach, and is included in a group show at the Calerie Suse Brecher-Parsons in Beverly Hills and has two paintings in the Long Beach Museum vicinity show. Mrs. Nelson studied in Stockholm, and the Los Angeles County Art Institute, and with Alan Lynch and Pierre Sicard of Paris. The Long Beach Museum has one

of her paintings in its permanent collection as does the Lockheed Air Terminal at Burbank and many private collections in the Southland, and she has won many prizes and awards over the years. "Today's painting must reflect today's thinking and not that of the sixteenth and seventeenth century. That is why most artists are veering toward new ways of expression, sometimes called abstract, semi-abstract, abstract expressionism and non-objective. My own work is progressing quite clearly from realism to abstract, and even non-objective," she said. "My pet amazement is those people who quite firmly declare that the painter of today is con-

fused and most of the art world is going to the dogs. "I'm afraid I don't agree. When the Impressionists put their show of rejected works on the outside steps of the Academy exhibition at the fateful Armory Show in 1874, most persons and news writers declared the new artists were mostly maniacs. Well—we know now that shortly thereafter Impressionism was accepted, and admired, and now history is repeating itself to some extent. However, most people understand that the contemporary artist must be free to express art history in the making as he sees it, and as well as he can, just as today's scientist is just as free in his probings as his imagination and learning makes him capable of being."

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